

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
DIVISION OF JUVENILE JUSTICE SERVICES
POLICY AND PROCEDURES

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Subject: Safety and Health Standards		

I. Policy Statement

It is the policy of the Division to follow established public health guidelines when providing services to juveniles. Juveniles and staff in Division programs or facilities will be educated and trained regarding safety and health practices.

II. Rationale

The Division and staff have a responsibility to provide and maintain a clean, safe, and healthy environment for the juveniles in our care. Staff shall encourage and assist juveniles in the acquisition of appropriate health and hygiene skills.

III. Procedures

- A. A toilet and washbasin with hot and cold running water shall be available to juveniles in all Division programs or facilities twenty-four (24) hours a day.
- B. Juveniles shall have access to a shower or bath daily to facilitate appropriate personal hygiene.
- C. Juveniles shall have access to laundry service. Laundry services will be sufficient to provide clean clothes, bedding, linen, and towels to be changed at least weekly, or more often, where need dictates.
- D. Juveniles are expected to clean their personal and group living spaces daily to maintain high standards of cleanliness and safety. Adequate equipment and cleaning agents will be available, as needed. Residents or juveniles are to be supervised by staff.
- E. The staff shall be responsible to provide general maintenance services, such as cleaning, routine checks for damage, and to oversee effective and efficient program or facility operations. The staff shall be responsible for work areas by keeping them clean and organized.
- F. Staff and juveniles responsible for the preparation and handling of food shall be in good health and free from communicable disease and open infectious wounds. They will have clean hands and fingernails, wear hairnets or caps, wear clean washable garments and employ hygienic food handling techniques. Staff or juveniles preparing food will be required to have a current food handler's permit and wear plastic rubber gloves.

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- G. All dishes and utensils will be washed and sanitized after use.
- H. To ensure food is fresh and maintains its nutritional value, food will be stored at appropriate temperatures and used within a reasonable period of time.
- I. Garbage will be taken out daily, or as needed. Garbage pick-up services will be utilized.
- J. Medical and dental services are available to juveniles in the custody of the Division to ensure good physical health is maintained. Contagious or infectious diseases will be diagnosed, appropriate precautions exercised, and health education services provided.
- K. Residents will have clothing, which fits properly, is climatically suitable, and is in good repair. Either the juveniles or the program or facility, as required by the program rules, may furnish clothes. Facility residents will be instructed to dress appropriately, to be clean and neat, and will be encouraged and assisted to develop pride in their appearance.

IV. Continuous Renewal

This policy shall be reviewed three (3) years from its effective date to determine its effectiveness and appropriateness. This policy may be reviewed before that time to reflect substantive change.

This Policy has been reviewed by the Board of Juvenile Justice Services, and is approved upon the signature of the Director.

Eldon Money, Chairman
Board of Juvenile Justice Services

Date

Blake D. Chard, Director
Division of Juvenile Justice Services

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